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SUBJECT: IDI AMIN'S EXECUTIVE JET RETURNS TO ISRAEL

1. ISRAELI PRESS REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 7 THE ARRIVAL OF AMIN'S PRIVATE JET IN ISRAEL. ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES (IAI) HAD SOLD THE COMMODORE 1121 JET TO AMIN IN 1971, BUT AMIN HAD MADE ONLY ONE SMALL PAYMENT AND THE STATE CONTROLLER HAD WRITTEN OFF THE AIRCRAFT AS A LOSS. NONETHELESS, THE AIRCRAFT FOUND ITS WAY BACK TO ISRAEL. RADIO UGANDA ALLEGED THAT JET WAS RETURNED BY AMIN "TO SHOW HE WAS NOT A THIEF." ANOTHER REPORT IN PRESS SAID THAT "TWO AMERICAN PILOTS" SPIRITED AIRCRAFT OUT OF UGANDA AS FAVOR TO ISRAEL.

2. THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT WAS PRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE: JET HAD BEEN USED ONLY RARELY IN PAST YEAR AND SIX MONTHS AGO AMIN MADE DECISION TO UNLOAD HIS EXPENSIVE AIRCRAFT. DEAL MADE WITH SWISS-BASES COMPANY, WHICH HIRED AMERICAN COMPANY TO FLY IT OUR OF UGANDA. SWISS COMPANY, DECIDING THAT OVERHAUL WAS BEYOND ITS ABILITIES, IN TURN SOLD AIRCRAFT TO IAI. DAY OF DEPARTURE FROM UGANDA COINCIDED WITH ENTEBBE RAID. DURING SHOOTING, ONE BULLET HIT WINDSHIELD AND REPAIRS DELAYED DEPARTURE. AIRCRAFT DEPARTED UGANDA BUT ARRIVAL

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IN LARNACA, CYPRUS COINCIDED WITH ARRIVAL OF HIJACKED

KLM PLANE. PRESS AT LARNACA NOTED JET WITH UGANDA  
MARKINGS THINLY PAINTED OVER AND TIPPED OFF ISRAELI  
PRESS WHICH WAS WAITING AT BEN GURION WHEN JET ARRIVED.  
PLANE WAS PILOTED BY ONE AMERICAN AND ONE BRITISH SUBJECT.

3. WE SUSPECT THERE MAY BE STILL MORE TO STORY THAN  
INDICATED ABOVE. WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFO  
OBTAINED.  
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